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THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR

CARDINAL DEARDEN VISITS ST. JOHN TO MEET WITH VICARIATE PRIESTS & PEOPLE

On Friday, June 25, John Cardinal Dearden spent an afternoon and evening at St. John's parish to talk to the priests and people of the Washtenaw Area and Lenawee Vicariates about the transfer of these counties to the Lansing Diocese. The visit was in response to a request by the priests of the vicariate that he meet with them to provide insights into the process by which the decision was made.

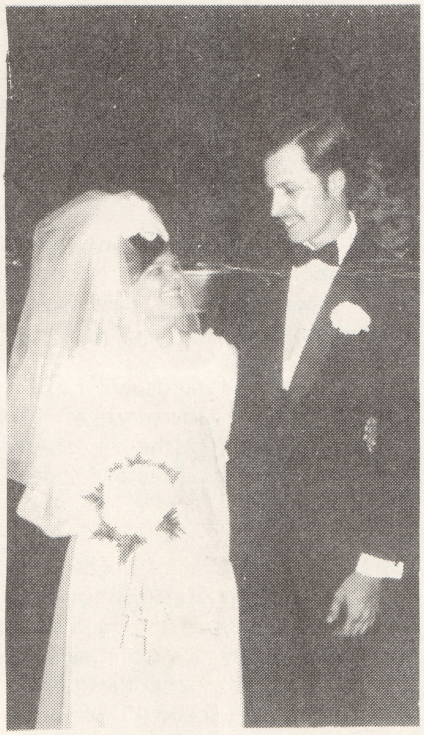
At the Vicars' meeting in Detroit on June 22 (Tuesday), this question was also brought up and the Cardinal pointed out that the process of decision-making that was followed was, indeed, unacceptable in today's church because it does not allow for procedures of discussion and consultation with persons who are vitally involved in the decision, as Vatican II documents recommend as a general procedural pattern. The Cardinal pointed out, however, that the process was begun some three years ago, at which these concepts were not as yet developed fully and at the time the final request was sent in about a year and a half ago, secrecy was required until a response from Rome was forthcoming.

The Cardinal was most sensitive to the problem and indicated his desire to come to the people of the areas affected and talk with them.

After the meeting with the priests at 3:00 P.M., there was a Liturgy at 4:30 consisting of a concelebrated Mass. Priests, sisters and laity of the Vicariate were present.

Another example of the agony and the ecstacy that find themselves interwoven into the life of the church in this privileged hour. . .

Fr. King



PARISH NUPTIALS

A 5:00 P.M. Wedding celebration last Friday united Dennis G. Davie and Mary F. Craft. The couple spoke their vows of marriage before Fr. Harvey as George and Janette Ferfunson, both of Ypsilanti, served as official witnesses.

Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davie of 420 Campbell. Mary is the daughter of Mr. Henry Craft and Mrs. Mary Herdon who resides at 956 W. Cross.

Mr. John Shipley served as Lector for the wedding ceremony. Miss Marie Stachlewitz was organist. A cousin of the groom, Jim Feuerstein and John Nowling were the acolytes.

On Friday evening, Robert Urbanik and Kathryn Greiner exchanged their life-vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey. Both are students at Eastern Michigan University.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urbanik of Warren. Kathryn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greiner of 920 Grant Street. Darryl Grabianowski of Warren and Mary Alice Greiner of Ypsilanti served as the main attendants. Frank Greiner, Jr. was Lector and Commentator. Soloist for the wedding was Gretchen Geiser who was accompanied on an electric piano by her brother, Eric. The bride's brothers, Peter and William, were the acolytes for the wedding Mass.

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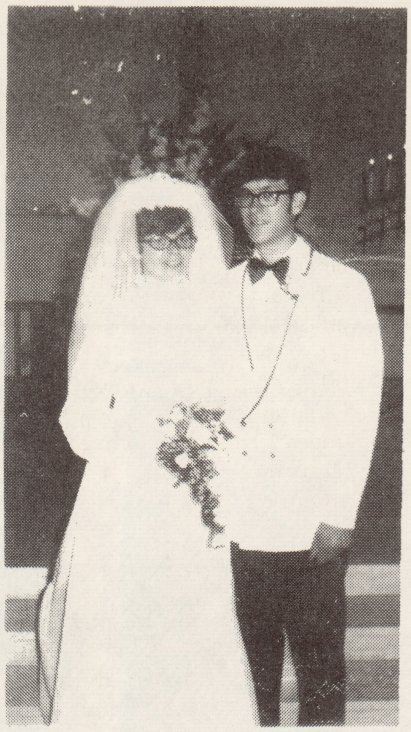

On Saturday, June 19, Peggy Lee Oltersdorf became the wife of John Edward Klee, during a 5:00 P.M. Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Peggy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oltersdorf, of 1075 E. Cross. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Klee of Minden City, Michigan.

Robert Klee of Minden City and Mari Lynn Muelman of Ypsilanti were best man and maid of honor, respectively. Harold Klee served as Commentator and Mass Lector. Mr. Marshall Lackowski was organist and soloist. Mr. Scott Hines, a cousin of the bride, was acolyte.

Congratulations to all the newlyweds.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, June 28, 1971
7:15 AM Eugene Courtois (1st Anniv.) req. by the Family

TUESDAY, June 29, 1971
7:15 AM Edna Hutting, req. by Mrs. George Max

WEDNESDAY, June 30, 1971
7:15 AM Amelia Butman, req. by M.C. and William Anhut

THURSDAY, July 1, 1971
7:15 AM Esther Woditsch, req. by Bob and Mary Schultz

FRIDAY, July 2, 1971
7:15 AM Catherine Zonca, req. by Eileen Kroll

SATURDAY, July 3, 1971
9:00 AM Clara Belle LeFevre, req. by the Neighbors

SUNDAY, July 4, 1971
7:00 AM Andy Kelly, req. by Gregg Russell
9:00 AM Amelia Butman, req. by the Hanes Family
11:00 AM Jack Sullivan, req. by the Family

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday, June 20, 1971
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COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 3, 1971
7:00 PM . . . . . E. Look

Sunday, July 4, 1971
7:00 AM . . . . . R. Kuhl
9:00 AM . . . . . M. Lewis
11:00 AM . . . . . D. Stokes
7:00 PM . . . . . N. Pavlovich

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 3, 1971
7:00 PM . . . . . C. Budinger

Sunday, July 4, 1971
7:00 AM . . . . . D. Wheeler
9:00 AM . . . . . R. Martinez
11:00 AM . . . . . P. Stokes
7:00 PM . . . . . G. Short

ALTAR BOYS

ATTENTION: There will not be a 1:00 P.M. Mass on Sundays during the Summer.

WEEK OF JULY 4

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Jim Sullivan and Peter Burgard

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Doug Leik and John Baxter

Saturday
7:00 PM Matt Keck and Tom Patchak

Sunday
7:00 AM John Madigan and Gabriel Martinez
9:00 AM James and Robert Eberts
11:00 AM Paul Yinger and Pat Sullivan
7:00 PM Kevin and Chris McCarthy

Weddings:
Tim Buschell and Tim Carroll

SCA PICNIC

The SCA will be celebrating the 4th of July with another one of our famous picnics in Manchester. Ed will be fixing his special "yummy" home-made hot dogs. We'll be leaving St. John's parking lot at Noon. Call 482-1942, 761-6257 or 971-4242 for more details.

Don't forget the meeting at St. John's at 8:00 P.M. on the 30th. We're planning a pool party afterwards. We have a private pool all to ourselves and refreshments galore just waiting.

And for those of you who may have forgotten, we are all heading for the Milan Drag Strip today from St. John's at 12:00 Noon. We have a lot planned, so we hope you can join us for all the fun and excitement. Thanks.

Pat Ryan

REP. SMITH'S POLL ON ABORTION

52nd District
Roy Smith Phone: 482-4373
5780 Whittaker Road 48197
May 1971

Dear Friend:

Abortion law reform is now up for consideration in the House and, since mine could well be the deciding vote, I would appreciate your views on the issue.

A yes vote would permit abortion as a medical decision by the physician and patient under the following conditions and restrictions:

* The termination is performed by a physician in a licensed hospital or facility under regulations by the Department of Public Health.
* When gestation has not exceeded 90 days or when the doctor determines that there is sufficient risk to the mental or physical health of the woman or fetus.
* 90-day residency in Michigan.
* Parental consent if the woman is under 18 and unmarried.
* Husband's consent if married and living together.
* Any hospital or facility or person may refuse to participate in a termination of pregnancy.

A no vote would retain our present law, which permits abortions only to save the life of the mother, but not for incest, rape, retardation or any other reason.

In voting on this question, it is important that you are not saying whether you personally would have an abortion or feel abortions are desirable; rather, the question is whether you feel the doctor and the patient should be able to make this determination in light of the particular set of circumstances and with medical safeguards.

I need your reaction by return mail so that I can tabulate the results of this questionnaire in time for the vote and accurately reflect the sentiments of those I serve.

Sincerely,
Roy Smith, State Rep.

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ON ABORTION LAW REFORM, I AM IN FAVOR OF:
a. ...YES VOTE b. ...NO VOTE
Optional

Name .....

Address .....
(If signed "Mr. and Mrs.," questionnaire is counted twice. Difference in opinion is noted.)

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"State Representative Roy Smith, expecting a very close vote in the House on the controversial abortion bill, sent out a hurried

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SUNDAY LITURGY
Sat. Eve. 7:00 p.m.
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1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY MASSES
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.
4:00, 6:00 and 8:00

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday - Friday as scheduled

EVENING MASS
Wednesday evenings 7:30 p.m.
First Fridays . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
Wednesday evening 7:15 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

Priests of the parish would like to join you and your family at dinner. If you would like to invite one of the priests to dinner, please feel free to call him directly and make the arrangements.

questionnaire to poll constituents on whether they favor or oppose the legal abortion proposal.

"By late last week he had received 800 replies--564 in Favor and 236 Opposed. In a roll call vote which defeated a motion to discharge the abortion reform bill from committee, Smith was listed as 1 of 10 House members absent or not voting."

(Ypsilanti Catholic Ed. Note: If Moses had put all the moral code of the Decalogue to a vote, I am sure he may have had a similar polling of his constituency (who, incidentally, were quite busy making a 'golden calf' for idolatry in defiance of the first three commandments) on this fifth commandment and, I'm sure, the sixth would have been soundly defeated. Maybe that's why God didn't suggest taking a vote on the matter.)

During a telephone conversation with Rep. Smith, he suggested that those of us who did not receive their questionnaire call his residence (482-4373) Monday through Friday. Give your name, telephone number and reason for calling. He takes this list to his Lansing office the following day and will return your call. You might also inform him that you wish to be on his mailing list.

If you have not as yet received the questionnaire and are among Rep. Smith's constituency, please let him know your views.

COMMON SENSE CAN RESOLVE ABORTION ISSUE

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, Vicar for Parishes, issued the following statement:

"Frequently I get letters denouncing 'one-sided' reports by press and radio on the abortion issue. While I appreciate the efforts of the letter writers I believe letters should be directed, too, to newspapers and broadcasters.

"If such letters are written, and disregarded by press and commentators, we ought to know about that. In that case, be sure to write me.

"A cause of much indignation has been a Detroit News article quoting a politician on Catholic theology. Perhaps the News will now interview a theologian on the art of politics.

"Dragging in theology on such a public issue is a classic case of setting up a straw man. You need not be a theologian, or a politician, or even be intelligent to realize that stilling a human heart . . . something that happens invariably in abortions . . . is wrong.

"Anti-abortion laws are on the books for the same reason murder laws are on the books. Both involve abusive disrespect to human life, and where you have that you invite brutality with all the horrors we saw in barbarian Nazi Germany.

"We should get involved in the abortion issue as citizens, who happen to be Catholic. Faith is not necessary to see that when human life may be extinguished without due process of law the foundations of our society are endangered. Common sense tells us that."

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